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NEW BOOKS.

THE GOLDEN RULE IN BUSINESS. By Rev. Charles F. Dole. New York: T. Y. Crowell & Co. Cloth, 67 pages.

This is one of the numerous booklets recently issued which attempt to put a great truth into an attractive and instructive form such as to secure for it the attention of that large multitude which have neither the time nor the disposition to read elaborate treatises, and yet need seriously to take home to themselves the lessons of the great truths. Mr. Dole's strong, clear and beautiful treatment of the Golden Rule in its applicability to every-day business will help any reader who has doubts about the possibility of carrying a living Christianity with him into the common affairs of life. "The characteristic method," he writes, "of the Golden Rule is profound, subtle and marvellously effective. It does not fight evil with evil, hatred with hatred, wrong by doing an opposite wrong. It fights evil with good, by persuasion, by fairness, by good temper, by expecting the best of men instead of their worst. As in the story of the traveler's cloak, it does not like the north wind, drive the man to fold himself more closely about, but it acts like the genial sun to make him take off the cloak of his selfishness. This method is yet quite new in the world. But those who have experimented and watched its working look for developments in it as great and rapid as we already have seen in the material world by the application of the new powers of steam and electricity."

AUTOBIOGRAPHY OF ADIN BALLOU. Edited by his sonin-law, Rev. William S. Heywood. Lowell, Mass.: Thompson & Hill.

One can not read a page of this autobiography without feeling at once that he is in contact with a man of remarkable originality, sincerity, earnestness, courage, clearness of reasoning, and depth of moral purpose. The book is interesting from beginning to end and one feels tempted to keep it in his hands till he has reached the last page. It is instructive to note in its pages the intellectual and spiritual development of the man, his profound interest in all the great life problems which met him, his determination, to the bottom of his soul, to do his duty as he saw it and tried to know it, whatever changes in opinion it might require or misrepresentation and abuse he might incur. He was a *living* man to the last day of his life, always anxious to know more of the universe and to do his duty fully in the instruction and help of his fellowmen. All this must be said of Adin Ballou, whatever may be thought of his theological opinions, his views of Christian Socialism and his practical efforts to carry it out, or of his radical position on the subject of peace.

The autobiography throws a great deal of light on the religious discussions which stirred New England half a century ago. It gives interesting original information about the origin, development and final failure of "The Hopedale Community," which Mr. Ballou originated and of which he was the inspiring and controlling spirit during the thirty-five years of its existence. Adin Ballou was one of the truest and most courageous friends of peace which the cause has ever had. He was for many years president of the New England Christian Non-Resistant Society. He thoroughly believed that all war

is wrong on both humanitarian and christian grounds, and when his friends fell away in the hour of trial he remained true to his long-held convictions. His influence on his generation was large and lasting. His failures were in a very real sense his truest successes. Without the unwavering faith and the heroic purpose which led him to make his experiments, his life and teachings would have been much less influential than they were.

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